

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
Monday, September 13, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez, Village Clerk Jonathan Keller

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O’Connell

Also Present: Acting Village Administrator Lisa Scheiner, Assistant to the Village Administrator Jonathan Pape, Management Analyst Sara Phyfer, Police Chief James O’Shea, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Fire Chief Kurt Bohlmann, Director of Public Works and Development Services Jeff Loster, Village Attorney Michael Marrs

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the pledge of allegiance.

Bob Lifka made a point of order and stated the Village Board does not have a quorum due to trustees attending remotely.

Village Attorney Marrs explained that the Governor’s Executive Order allows for remote attendance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Dan Hollenbach, 610 Park. Mr. Hollenbach extended a thank you to the River Forest Fire Dept, Police Dept, and paramedics regarding an electrical fire in his backyard on Tuesday, August 24th. He stated he was really happy for their support and nobody was injured. He stated that the following day the Reliability Engineer from ComEd came to his home and mentioned that the cables on Park Ave have gone out several times in the past. He stated this ComEd engineer commented that ComEd has buckets of different money for upgrading. Mr. Hollenbach said they need to address the needs of the Village and to speak with the ComEd liaison at the Village of River Forest.

President Adduci remarked that they take this seriously and that the Liaison can help as the Village has upgraded many electrical issues in the past. She asked Acting Village Administrator Scheiner and Director Loster to look into this and get back to Mr. Hollenbach.

She mentioned that the Village of River Forest has a great relationship with ComEd and that they should put this information into the newsletter.

Trustee Bachner asked what the liaison is for and how can they help residents?

President Adduci stated the ComEd Liaison is there for the residents to help with possible upgrades to the system. She said they can consult the Liaison on this issue and discuss future steps.

Trustee Brennan asked is this Liaison someone that the residents can contact?

President Adduci said typically residents go directly to ComEd and use the website to connect with them. She noted that on that site there is the ability to get up to date information on power outages and the length of those outages.

Trustee Brennan asked if it would be appropriate for residents to reach out to the Liaison instead of ComEd?

President Adduci said the website is for residents to communicate with and the Liaison is for the municipality to work with.

4. ELECTED OFFICIAL COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Johnson wished the residents a happy summer and his hope is that everyone is back to school and doing okay. He offered a reminder that residents should please protect themselves and family as much as possible regarding COVID as we are not out of pandemic just yet.

Trustee Brennan said she participated in the annual LemonAid Charity event and it was the 20th anniversary of this event. She said the block really came together and it was a wonderful event and appropriately solemn regarding the remembrances of 911. She noted there are no final numbers yet on how much money raised. She said that if anyone would still like to donate, they can to the websites for Friends of the Children and the Infant Welfare Society. She noted there is also the option of writing a check out to LemonAid and sending it to 714 Bonnie Brae in River Forest, or drop it off at that mailbox. She said Lois and Heidi from Maywood Fine Arts contacted her a few weeks ago regarding the Annual Pumpkin Patch Parade which will be held on 10/9. She stated this year they are focusing on the Maywood-River Forest Twin Covenant Agreement and wanting to highlight that partnership. She stated they talked about doing the annual parade together, and she said that they had also talked to Trustee Bachner.

Trustee Vazquez said he attended an event with Visit Oak Park, which is a partnership for building up tourism and businesses in Oak Park. He said he met the State liaison regarding tourism who was also there. He said it was great to hear how the state will promote tourism in our communities. Trustee Vazquez acknowledged the 20th anniversary of those who passed away and were injured on September 11, as well as all first responders. He thanked

everyone who protects the communities. He said he also joined the LemonAid event and it was a good event in terms of participation and contributions. On September 8th, he stated the Age Friendly Committee met and he is happy to say they came up with a final survey with questions. He stated they will focus on making some minor tweaks and will be moving on to planning on how to roll it out.

Trustee Bachner started with a Land Acknowledgment statement that this land was once and still inhabited by indigenous people and stated that River Forest continues to be a place that people from diverse backgrounds live and gather. Trustee Bachner said she had the honor to join Dominican University at start of their school semester and welcomed a few hundred students to the community. She said it was wonderful to see the vitality of kids and their families. She stated it was a wonderful start and she was able to meet the new president of the university. She said that she encourages everyone to attend Dominican University events and to take advantage of wonderful things they have going on. Trustee Bachner thanked Trustee Brennan for bringing up the walk that Maywood Fine Arts Group is planning for 10/9. She stated this is a walk for equity and opportunity in the arts and the theme is Imagine More. She stated the idea of bringing the two communities together is in the spirit of the Covenant between Maywood & River Forest. She stated the walk begins at 9:30am on Lake Street and ends up in Keystone Park. She also noted Mindy Credi provided information on a Family Pride Parade on 10/3. She stated that will include outdoor festivities at Urban Village Church at 7970 Lake St. She stated this is another wonderful opportunity to be involved and join in in equitable events and ones that promote diversity. She stated last week she was invited by Trustee Jones in Maywood to discuss the streets between River Forest and Maywood to see if they could begin to put in bike lanes and sidewalks to further connect communities. She spoke with the Department of Transportation and Highways and reported they were eager about the project and they will investigate this further. She noted that block parties are underway and providing a reminder to everyone that they are masking up and being mindful of distancing, using hand sanitizer and keeping safe during those kinds of events. She had a question about obtaining a liquor license for the restaurant La Parrillita.

Ms. Scheiner commented that the request is going through background check and once that is completed, they will bring it back to the Village Board of Trustees.

President Adduci extended a thank you to Trustee Bachner and Trustee Vazquez for attending the two events. She said she was out of town during those events and that she appreciated Trustee Vazquez saying a few words on behalf of herself and the Village at LemonAid and the Visit Oak Park events. She stated October 2nd is also the Tour de Proviso, which brings together five communities for bike ride. She wanted to thank the Fire and Police Departments on the 20th anniversary of the tragedy in our country. President Adduci said she got an email and call from a resident and former Trustee, Jim Winikates, who was rushed to the hospital recently. She stated he commented on how well he was treated and respected by the River Forest Police and Fire Departments. President Adduci thanked the departments for all their work and stated that the Village appreciates everything they do.

a. Recognition of Fire Chief Kurt Bohlmann

Ms. Scheiner said tonight we are recognizing Chief Kurt Bohlmann who is retiring on September 20th. She provided a brief biography of Kurt and thanked him for his service to the Community.

President Adduci presented a plaque and thanked Chief Bohlmann for his service.

Chief Bohlmann thanked the Village Trustees, staff, and his fellow firefighters.

Trustee Vazquez made a motion to discuss item 9B before the Consent Agenda, seconded by Trustee Bachner.

Movement of Consent Agenda Item 9B – Appointment of Robert Nortier as Interim Fire Chief

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O’Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Ms. Scheiner commented that Mr. Nortier served with distinction and has an excellent reputation. She recommended that Robert Nortier be appointed as Acting Fire Chief. She spoke on the progress with the hiring of the new Fire Chief by mid-November.

President Adduci noted that her appointment is made by the Board’s consent. She said she has known Mr. Nortier for years and appreciates his commitment to the position.

Trustee Vazquez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to Give Advice and Consent to the Appointment of Robert Nortier to Serve as Acting Fire Chief From September 14, 2021 Until Appointment of a Fire Chief.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O’Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Clerk Keller swore in Robert Nortier as Acting Fire Chief.

Interim Fire Chief Nortier thanked the Board and Ms. Scheiner for the appointment.

1. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Village Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2021
- b. Right-of-Way Encroachment Waiver and Agreement for an Irrigation System Located at 747 Bonnie Brae
- c. Right-of-Way Encroachment Waiver and Agreement for an Irrigation System Located at 726 Forest

- d. National Suicide Prevention and Action Month – Proclamation
- e. Change Order #1 (Final) for the 2021 Sewer Lining Project – \$4,295.00 – Resolution
- f. Approval of Payment to Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd. for Legal Services in the amount of \$25,984.70
- g. Monthly Department Reports
- h. July Financial Report
- i. August Financial Report
- j. Accounts Payable – August 2021 – \$1,529,425.72
- k. Village Administrator’s Report

Trustee Brennan made a request to pull item F.

Trustee Johnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve the Consent Agenda Items A – E and G - K.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O’Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Trustee Vazquez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Brennan, to approve the Consent Agenda Item F.

Trustee Brennan said she noticed that one item on the bill that was very large and asked what “finance and administration” encompasses on the bill?

Ms. Scheiner stated this line item is related to requests by Village Administration, Village Board of Trustees and the Finance Department. She stated an example would be a code compliance item. She stated it may be work related to variety of issues that fall under Village Administrator’s office or Village Board of Trustees.

Trustee Brennan asked if that includes litigation?

Ms. Scheiner said no.

Trustee Brennan asked if this item is expected to stay level?

Ms. Scheiner said no, and that this item varies month to month. She said she has been relying on the Village Attorney at times.

Village Attorney Marrs noted that Village Attorney Greg Smith is always happy to provide additional detail. He explained that this line item is for general legal services and will typically be one of the bigger line items.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez
Absent: Trustees Gillis, O'Connell
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

None.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

- a. Sustainability Commission: Recommendation Regarding Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program (CS2) – Resolution

Trustee Johnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve a Resolution endorsing the Community Solar Clearinghouse Solution Program.

Sustainability Chairperson, Eric Simon summarized the program. Chairman Simon stated this is a general energy strategy from a sustainability standpoint. He there are a lot of these community solar programs out there, and noted that this program is endorsed by MMC and the Village of River Forest is a member of that organization and we rely on them. He stated this recommendation comes from their Energy Subcommittee. He explained this program is where residents buy a share in an actual solar farm that feeds the ComEd supply. He said this is the next best thing to actually generating your own renewable electricity on your rooftop, noting that only a portion of residents can put solar on their rooftops. He stated Community Solar comes from a farm downstate. He explained residents have the Green Aggregation Program as well, which would be the next best option. He noted the other options are private energy companies that can be confusing to the public, highlighting that this program is vetted by the MMC and is top notch.

Trustee Johnson commented about all the information that residents are bombarded by with literature from private energy companies. He asked what would be the community roll out as far as communication?

Chairperson Simon said the good news is there are several communities ahead of us. He stated the other communities put together communications that explains this. He said they are on step 4 of 11 of the program, and that the next 7 steps are marketing. He noted that they are lucky to have a lot of materials to borrow.

Trustee Bachner commented that this is something she has always wanted to participate in. She suggested that using the Village logo would help. She commented that as she was looking at the presentation provided by MMC, it shows electricity bills and what a future bill would look like. She asked if people are receiving two bills?

Chairperson Simon said the bill should be a consolidated bill and that is something he wants to check on. He noted the bill should all come through ComEd. He said he will check on that and get back to make sure.

Trustee Bachner said Chairperson Simon mentioned subscribing to the program and it felt like there would be fees.

Chairperson Simon confirmed that there are no enrollment fees for residents. He explained there is an agreement for residents and no termination fees as long as residents keep the program for 30 days.

Trustee Bachner asked as people become more aware of renewable energy, would this program conflict with residents installing solar on their roof?

Chairperson Simon said if you start generating your own electricity, a resident will be drawing less from the electrical grid. He also noted that the CEJA bill just passed today and we do not know yet what is in the bill. Presently, he said, there are all kinds of things to promote solar from programs that FEJA passed in 2016. Chairperson Simon stated he guessed that there are very significant incentives to put solar on roofs.

Trustee Johnson asked what kind of timeline is expected?

Chairperson Simon stated that if the resolution is passed tonight, residents can enter the program at any time. He said they are off to the races from a marketing aspect and the goal is a rollout on January 1st.

Trustee Vazquez offered a thank you and said it was a great idea. He asked if anyone knows how it works?

Chairperson Simon said this program will be a legal share of a farm and they will know where it is and who it is.

Chairperson Vazquez asked if it is vetted by MMC?

Chairperson Simon said yes.

Clerk Keller asked does this operate like an investment?

Chairperson Simon said it does not.

Trustee Bachner asked if there is a saturation point where residents use up all the "shares" available?

Chairperson Simon indicated that the MMC has told them that there is plenty of capacity right now, regardless of how many people enter program. He said in the future where capacity is limited, the MMC will have to make another deal with another farm for more generation.

Trustee Brennan said the materials talk about a waitlist. She said that no new projects are expected for next 4-5 years. She asked if this is this for municipalities or residents?

Chairperson Simon said that the reference in the materials is for the municipalities. He clarified that even though the Village has not subscribed, they have committed to it in a nonbinding way. He noted that part of presentation, and several other parts of presentation, will not be same after we sort out what is in new legislation. He said there will be new incentives to incentivize developers and go buy lots of farms. He indicated that we have been told there will be no waitlist to enter program wholesale.

Trustee Brennan said if they start January 1st, and residents already have opted into green aggregation they can still do the solar, they might get a smaller discount than the 20%. Can they speak to those already opted into the present solar program?

Chairperson Simon said basically if someone is in aggregation program, they are still paying ComEd rates. He stated if they then enter the Community Solar program, they will not be affected by green aggregation, but the share will be smaller because part of the power is already through green credits.

Trustee Brennan asked if they would get 20% off of 80% instead of 100%?

Trustee Bachner noted that will be important to communicate to residents, stating that if residents don't see the cost reduction it will be confusing.

President Adduci asked how they could get residents to opt out of that program prior to signing up for the new one.

Chairperson Simon noted that the aggregation program was short term and at some point they will have to renegotiate the aggregation contract. He stated communication is going to be everything on this.

Trustee Brennan noted that with the aggregation program, the Village earned money and not the residents. She said this program is better.

Chairperson Simon explained that the aggregation program was interesting because the Village basically gets a stipend.

President Adduci noted that when they did the aggregation program, they were just trying to get into green energy.

Trustee Brennan wanted to echo that education is key here. She would also ask that we do some sort of look for the co-branding of the Village logo and MMC and put that on our website. She stated residents have all gotten so many pieces of mail, she suggested a program at the library to invite residents to come in and ask their questions.

Chairperson Simon stated that is a great suggestion about the Library. He noted that the legislation that just passed has our state at 100% reduction by 2050. He said these efforts we are doing here in River Forest are going hand in hand with state's efforts.

President Adduci commented that they were one of the trailblazers in this area, noting being a signatory on the Chicago Climate Charter. She stated they are very much involved with MMC, and emphasized our commitment to the Charter and Climate Action Plan. She said that she appreciates the Commission's efforts.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brenna, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O'Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Automatic Metering Infrastructure Project

1. Waiver of Formal Bidding Requirements and Award of Contract to Core and Main, LP for installation of a Sensus FlexNet AMI System and Water Meter Purchase for a not-to-exceed cost of \$529,233.00
2. Waiver of Formal Bidding Requirements and Award of Contract to WaterSmart Software, Inc for Purchase of a Customer Portal Software for a not-to-exceed cost of \$20,797.20
3. Waiver of Formal Bidding Requirements and Award of Amended and Restated Statement of Work with Siemens, Inc. for the Automatic Metering Infrastructure Project for a not-to-exceed amount of \$883,566.00
4. Waiver of Formal Bidding Requirements and Award of Software Agreement to Sensus USA Inc.

Trustee Johnson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Bachner, to approve items 8A1 – 4.

Ms. Scheiner reviewed discussion from last October about new water meters. She stated the motion today is to approve moving forward. She emphasized this is an efficiency measure for the organization and allows residents to identify leaks in their system more quickly and to conserve water. She stated this change eliminates drive by, in home water readings. She said today they are taking the next steps to implement this program. She noted the initial steps taken by the Board was to award the contract. She stated costs have exceeded what we initially budgeted for, but that they have been able to reduce that overage.

Director Loster provided an overview of the costs associated with the project and specific items up for approval. He first discussed the contract with Siemens, noting the scope and

budget have been revised and approved. He secondly discussed the equipment install with the meters and infrastructure for network. Lastly, he discussed the customer portal, noting all of these items have been reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Erin Perry from Siemens introduced herself and presented to the Board this AMI Implementation & Customer Portal project. Ms. Perry explained how the Sensus technology and customer portal (WaterSmart) work. She also explained Siemens' installation approach. She explained how they would communicate the program to Village residents via mail and town halls. She noted staff training will be important. She provided a schedule (pending approval) for the rollout and a target for completion next March.

President Adduci stated that the Customer Portal is important because many residents do not know increases in usage due to leaks until it is too late. She stated this would help a lot for that reason and fits in with our smart city initiative.

Trustee Vazquez questioned whether water meters are installed outside or inside?

Ms. Perry said on the inside of dwellings and they would schedule appointments, which would take roughly half an hour.

Mr. Loster commented that the bulk of project is just a transmitter and not changing out the water meter inside the home. He noted many of those upgrades can be done on the exterior of homes. He estimated that there are 300 water meters that need to be replaced.

Trustee Vazquez asked if there is an area where the meters need to be replaced?

Mr. Loster said no, they are scattered throughout the Village.

Trustee Vazquez asked in regards to the water leaks, can residents set up some type of notification?

Ms. Perry said yes they can.

Trustee Bachner asked a question regarding high consumption and leak resolution. She asked what will the website be alerting residents to do, and is it related to typical consumption based on the footprint and size of housing or what typical consumption was based on history of the dwelling?

Consultant Brenda Klem said the information is from city assessor's office and consumers in home.

Trustee Bachner asked if the consumer can put in information on their typical usage and then take action on spikes in usage?

Ms. Perry said they can set up notifications at 25% higher, etc.

Trustee Bachner asked are there any issues with location of transmitter in terms of coverage?

Ms. Perry commented that coverage issues were addressed.

Another of the consultants said they did a propagation study initially, noting they will be guaranteeing a 98.6% read rate at the present location of the tower. He stated if they fall short of that read rate, they would be adding more equipment to increase the coverage.

Trustee Bachner asked would weather cause outages?

The consultant said the transmitter is designed to be in our environment and will not go down in any environment. He stated they are prepared for inclement weather and they do have drive-by equipment available to make water readings if needed.

Trustee Bachner asked if the historic consumption information will be available to residents?

The consultant stated yes and that they will go back 3 years on their side. He stated it will be a minimum of 3 years of historical data. The consultant said the consumer portal will go back 3 years.

Ms. Perry commented that a resident can compare past years through the portal.

The consultant confirmed this and stated the consumer portal will provide data from last year at the same time.

Ms. Perry commented that once we have the program live, they provide tutorials for residents.

Trustee Brennan said she knows they have been talking about this project for a while, but she has some sticker shock. She stated the year one cost is more than the year one budget. She asked if this project uses up the entire sewer budget for the year, how do they address issues with residents as they come up?

Ms. Scheiner indicated that the total purchase is not paid out at one time. She stated there will be monthly payments to Siemens and certain equipment will be purchased at one time. She stated that since water revenue will be coming in consistently over time, they are in a good position to make this purchase. She noted the Village had always anticipated that they may take on debt and that debt service would cover this project. She also stated that the Village is about to launch the water rate study to determine if they can sufficiently account for water projects going forward.

President Adduci commented that this project has been in the budget for the past two years.

Trustee Brennan asked, do they have any sense of how many water leaks the Village has on

average?

Director Loster said Public Works can track unmetered leaks and they need to continue the annual leak survey.

Director McAdams noted that with residential leaks, the homeowner does not know right away and this will help that. She stated two months could pass before they are aware and this will help them monitor water usage, even if the resident is not monitoring because staff can contact residents.

Trustee Brennan asked so, they are having three leaks in the Village per billing cycle?

Ms. Scheiner said she is not sure, but they can check that data.

Director Loster noted that the State and DNR are looking at allocations for municipalities that pull water from Lake Michigan. He said that any degree of water loss could be a factor in our future allocation, and he noted this will be an advantage in helping us take action.

Ms. Perry added that this will allow the Village to detect leaks at a much smaller scale.

Ms. Scheiner noted that even if it is 3 leaks per billing cycle, it is still a significant savings to those residents.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O'Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

President Adduci said that she appreciated that the trustees believe in this project. She asked that the staff and vendors find a way to reduce the \$45,000 over budget.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. Recommendations Regarding Building Code Updates

Ms. Scheiner introduced Mike D'Onofrio, who was retained by the Village to vet this process. She stated the Board cannot take action tonight as it requires 30 days' notice, but that it will not change the effective date of code update.

Mr. D'Onofrio gave his background with GovHR and his work with the previous Board. He stated he was a Community Development Director in Des Plaines and Winnetka and has a lot of experience in this area. He reviewed 1) the goals of building codes; 2) the process of updating the code; 3) and provided an overview of the proposed code amendments. He discussed the intricacies of the code and the history, and his recommendation for certain amendments.

Trustee Brennan inquired about the update on Solar Codes and Wildlife Interface Code.

Ms. Scheiner commented that the 2003 code had little on solar, so the 2018 code would address it more.

Mr. D'Onofrio said the Wildland Urban Interface Code is related to property built near an area prone to wildfires, so it likely would not apply here. He stated it addresses the build environment near wildland areas so that construction and development takes that into account.

Mr. D'Onofrio addressed Trustee Brennan's question about adoption, stating they can adopt them as they are. He also discussed swimming pool codes.

Ms. Scheiner commented that the Village is already reviewing making it very clear for consumers on what they have to follow with new codes.

Mr. D'Onofrio added that in respect to solar, a lot has been added recently. He commented on roof requirements in the event of a fire, noting firefighters need access to roofs to ventilate, so the code addresses it.

President Adduci noted that priority number 1 is the safety and health of the community. She asked how many municipalities have updated to the 2018 code and what unintended consequences have happened to residents? She asked what additional expenses are being brought to older homes?

Mr. D'Onofrio compared the existing building code versus new codes and that the new code may provide flexibility that provides cost savings to homeowners.

Ms. Scheiner noted that the next step is to come back at a meeting in October to adopt an ordinance updating all the codes with an effective date of January 1, 2022. She stated this is an enormous undertaking and that they will alert residents this is coming. She stated they will continue communication to community and to train staff. She stated that although there is a 2021 code, it is not uncommon to adopt previous versions. She said they appreciate Mr. D'Onofrio's and the staff's work. She emphasized additions and updates really do focus on new and emerging technologies or field conditions that were detrimental to health that ICC decided to address. She stated they appreciate concern of what does this mean for residents. She noted this will help with homeowner's insurance and helps to protect public safety. She said that is why they do this and that their job is to ensure what contractors are doing in their homes, schools, and businesses is safe.

Trustee Vazquez asked when will the next version be available?

Mr. D'Onofrio said in 2024. He recommended getting on a six-year cycle and be one version behind and to update it every 6 years.

Trustee Vazquez asked do they give them a synopsis or brief of the changes?

Mr. D'Onofrio said ICC publishes books, so the new code is an actual publication. He stated they do provide an update on the previous publication. He stated they also commented on the plumbing code and how the code has made it less expensive to do plumbing work for consumers.

Trustee Bachner inquired about the Wildlife Code, noting how wildlife in River Forest has been a topic of discussion.

Mr. D'Onofrio clarified that there is confusion regarding the wildlife versus wildland code. He stated the write up was incorrect and that it should be wildland. He also mentioned that the insurance industry will provide discounts based on the code a municipality has in place.

Trustee Bachner had a question regarding the ICC vs state codes.

Mr. D'Onofrio said many state codes replace the ICC codes.

Trustee Bachner asked does the state code include the same energy concerns that the ICC code contains?

Mr. D'Onofrio said no.

President Adduci said the next step is for formal adoption, so they will make sure they have all the necessary data.

Trustee Brennan asked will they be getting the same or different or additional information?

Ms. Scheiner said they will receive the same, but she encourages them to ask any questions they have. She stated staying at status quo is not an option she would recommend. She clarified they are just trying to determine which version we adopt. She stated staff recommends 2018 be adopted by the Board.

Trustee Johnson suggested making it user friendly so that they can explain it to residents clearly.

Ms. Scheiner said they are happy to making it as easy as possible. She noted that the Code is intended for technical professionals, but they are happy to provide broad strokes.

b. Goal Setting Workshop – December, 2021

President Adduci said the idea is to get everyone's thoughts on the top 5 or 10 goals.

Ms. Scheiner noted that they are looking at near or long term goals to accomplish. She stated she would like to know the Village Board of Trustees' goals prior to heading into the budgeting process.

President Adduci commented that this is just goal setting and it helps us stay on focus.

Trustee Bachner inquired whether it is possible to send around what they have done in the past since many board members were not part of the previous goal setting.

President Adduci said yes.

Ms. Scheiner noted that there are materials they have used in past, and the goals are in the budget.

The Board reached a consensus to meet on December 7 at 7:00PM.

Trustee Brennan asked about the Lake and Lathrop project and why did this group not attend tonight's meeting?

President Adduci they promised a once a month attendance, so they will come at the next meeting.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Vazquez made a motion, seconded by Trustee Johnson, to adjourn the regular Village Board of Trustees Meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees Bachner, Brennan, Johnson, Vazquez

Absent: Trustees Gillis, O'Connell

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Jonathan Keller, Village Clerk